Demand for creation of new States

1708. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposal for the creation of new States in the country;

(b) if so, which are the regions from which the demands have come;

(c) whether any of these demands are under consideration;

(d) if so, which are the demands under consideration;

(e) whether Government has made any study in regard to the performance of the State carved out after 1970; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Demand and representations have, however, been received from time to time, from various sources, and in respect of various regions for creation of new States. These include the Telangana region in Andhra Pradesh, Vidarbha region in Maharashtra, Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Bhojpuri-speaking areas of East Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Bihar, Saurasthra in Gujarat, Coorg in Karnataka, Koshalanchal region in Western Orissa, Darjeeling Hills, Terai and Dooars in West Bengal, Maithili-speaking areas of North Bihar, six districts of North Bengal, and various regions of Uttar Pradesh for creation of new States like Purvanchal, Harith Pradesh, Braj Pradesh and Awadh Pradesh.

(e) No, formal study has been made.

(f) Does not arise.

Including some aspects of "Law and Order" in Union or Concurrent list

1709. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any constitution amendment to incorporate any aspect of "law and order" under Union or Concurrent List of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if there is no such proposal, whether it is also a fact that suggestions to this effect are coming before Government so that Government does not become a silent spectator in grave situations where human rights and their violations are concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As per the Constitution, 'police' and 'prison' are State subjects and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to maintain law and order in their States. However, the Government of India has set up a National Human Rights Commission in October, 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, to deal with complaints of human rights violations. The NHRC has also been sending various guidelines/ recommendations/advisories to all State/UT Governments etc. concerning human rights issues from time to time. Besides, some of the State Governments have also set up Human Rights Commissions to deal with complaints of human rights violations.

Conversion of Crime Against Women cell into a full-fledge police station

1710. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to control crimes against women, Government propose to convert the Crime Against Women Cell in Delhi, to a full-fleged police station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such Cell are also proposed to be converted into full-fledged police stations, in other regions of the country, to help dispense with justice to the victims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the status of such a cell in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The issue of declaring Crime Against Women Cell, Nanak Pura as a Police Station of Delhi for registration and investigation of cases relating to crime against women is under consideration of Delhi Police.

(c) and (d) Since 'Police' is a State subject, conversion of Crime Against Women Cell into full-fledged police station is to be decided by the State Government including Government of Orissa, themselves.

Establishment of National Marine Police Academy

1711. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI P.R. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish National Marine Police Academy;

(b) if so, the details including the proposed locations for the above Academy;

(c) whether the joint survey conducted by Coast Guard and officers of Government of Kerala had indentified suitable land at Kannur district of Kerala;

(d) if so, whether the competent authority of Kerala had submitted representations after October 2006 to establish above academy in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the action taken in details regarding the proposal of above joint survey and the submissions of Government of Kerala?